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SUBJ: AGENDA FOR MEETING OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE  
COMMITTEE (COEC) JULY 23, 1973

REF: A. AC/237-A/136 B. USNATO 3130 NOTAL C. STATE 132440 NOTAL

1. COEC WILL MEET ON JULY 23 TO CONSIDER SUBJECT OF FAILURE  
OF THE US DSCS SATELLITE, THE ONLY AGENDA ITEM. DOCUMENTS  
ARE: WRM/73/118; IMSWM-116-73; NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE'S  
LETTERS NO. 4783 4871; AC/237-DS/135, PARA 3.

2. MISSION HAS RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER FROM HOFMAN, NETHER-  
LANDS DELEGATION, TO COEC CHAIRMAN MACBRIEN THAT REFLECTS A  
SOFTENING OF THE DUTCH POSITION. TEXT IS QUOTED BELOW.  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS JULY 23,  
MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD POSITION DISCUSSED REFTEL B AND  
CONCURRED IN BY REF C.

3. TEXT FOLLOWS. QUOTE:  
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FURTHER TO OUR CORRESPONDENCE ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED SUBJECT AND  
THE ENSUING DISCUSSIONS IN THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMM-  
ITTEE (COEC) ON 12TH JULY, 1973, I HAVE PLEASURE OF INFORMING YOU  
OF THE FOLLOWING.

AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF ALL POINTS MADE THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT MIGHT WELL REMAIN UNCERTAIN FOR SOME MORE TIME WHETHER THE PRESENT THEORETICAL ARGUMENT COULD LEAD TO AN AGREEMENT. WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR MIND ON THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED THEY THEREFORE PROPOSE NOT TO CONTINUE THIS DISCUSSION AND TO CONCENTRATE ON A PRACTICAL SOLUTION.

THE "MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE SHRED USE OF THE UNITED STATE DSCS II ATLANTIC SATELLITE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND NATO EARTH TERMINAL" (AC/270-D/103) DOES NOT PROVIDE, AS PART OF THE QUID PRO QUO FORESEEN AT PARA 1, FOR NATIONAL USE OF NATO SATELLITES. THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH IS ALSO BASIC TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS CONTINGENCY PLANNING GROUP" (SCCPG, AC/270-D/104.

THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES PROPOSE, THEREFORE, TO CONSIDER A REACTIVATION OF NATO-2 AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AND TO DECIDE ON THE TIMING OF SUCH REACTIVATION WITH THE SOLE PURPOSE IN MIND OF MAKING MAXIMUM POSSIBLE USE OF NATO-2. AS FAR AS NATO IS CONCERNED, THEY ARE PREPARED TO LEAVE

SUCH DECISION WITH YOU, AS CHAIRMAN OF BOTH THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE AND THE NATO JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS COMMITTEE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND SACEUR, AS OPERATING AGENT FOR SATCOM PHASE II.

THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES ARE STILL OF THE VIEW, THAT AS A SEPARATE ISSUE CONTINGENCY MEASURES SHOULD BE STUDIED, DESIGNED TO RESTORE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE MINIMUM ESSENTIAL SECURE VOICE CIRCUITS IN CASE OF NECESSITY. SUCH STUDY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE AGREED CIRCUIT RESTORATION PLAN (AC/237-D/111). THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES WELCOME PROPOSALS TO THE APPROPRIATE NATO FINANCIAL COMMITTEE-THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE-WHICH DO CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT REQUIRE EXTRA FUNDS; SOLUTIONS WHICH CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT THE INTRODUCTION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET.

I AM COPYING THIS LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE.  
END QUOTE. RUMSFELD

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